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SUBJECT: VISIT TO NETHERLANDS BY SACEUR

1. GENERAL ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR., USA, PAID HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VIST TO THE NETHERLANDS AS SACEUR ON JAN. 15, 1975. THE GENERAL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. HAIG AND TWO SHAPE OFFICERS. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT WERE MADE DIRECTLY BETWEEN SHAPE AND THE DUTCH AUTHROITIES.

2. DURING HIS VISIT GEN. HAIG CALLED ON QUEEN JULIANA AT SOESTDIJK PALACE, MET WITH DEFMIN VREDELING WHO THEREAFTER TENDERED A LUNCHEON IN THE GENERAL'S HONOR, CALLED ON FONMIN VAN DER STOEL, MET WITH THE NETHERLANDS JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE AND THEN HAD A PRIVATE MEETING WITH LIEUT. GEN. WIJTING, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

3. (LOU) IN HIS REMARKS AT THE LUNCHEON, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY THE AMBASSADOR AND THE EMBASSY'S DEFENSE ATTACHE, GENERAL HAIG SAID THAT OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS

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HE HAD FOLLOWED THE DUTCH FOLE IN NATO AND WAS AWARE OF

INDEPENDENT DUTCH POSITIONS ON VARIOUS MATTERS. HE NOTED THAT NATO NOW HAS A SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC AS WELL AS A MILITARY ASPECT AND THESE ARE INTERTWINED, AND SAID SOLUTIONS TO NATO'S PROBLEMS ARE TO BE FOUND ONLY THROUGH JOINT ENDEAVOR. HE SPOKE OF THE INTELLECTUAL AND MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF THE NETHERLANDS BEING OUT OF PROPORTION TO THE COUNTRY'S SIZE AND POPULATION. A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL COMMENTED TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT THE GENERAL'S REMARKS HAD MADE A VERY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION. END LOU.

4. THE LIMITED PRESS TREATMENT OF THE VISIT WAS FACTUAL.

5. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT GEN. HAIG WILL BE VISITING THE SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER AT THE HAGUE ON JANUARY 20. GOULD

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